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Plan submitted for Family Dollar store in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Engineering plans for a Family Dollar Store have been submitted to the Town of Bethel and the proposal is on the Planning Board agenda for May 14.

However, a Family Dollar spokesman said Tuesday he cannot confirm plans for a new store in Bethel.

The plans, dated April 29, show the store to be located on property to the right side (from the street) of the Rite Aid Store on Mayville Road (Route 2). The building is described as being 8,320 square feet in size, with 29 proposed parking spaces and an entrance driveway to the right of the store.

The proposed parcel is 1.1 acres, with about 200 feet of road frontage.

The plans show a construction schedule beginning in spring of this year and ending by fall.

The applicant is listed as HRES Bethel, LLC of Tampa, Fla. The plans were prepared by agent Gorrell-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc. of Gray. See map Page 3.

Newry's attorney outlines school funding options

By ALISON ALOISIO

In anticipation of a May 19 informational meeting in Newry about the possibility of pursuing a change in the school funding formula, selectmen last week received an opinion from its lawyer on the options available.

The valuation-based formula was changed statewide in 2005 by the Legislature in order to also factor in a town's student population. But a special exception was made for SAD 44 that preserved the valuation-based model.

Now, some Newry residents want it changed to factor in a town's student population - a change that could potentially shift a significant portion of Newry's \$2.7 mil-

lion share to the other towns in the district. Newry has only two dozen students.

In an April 28 memo to selectmen, Attorney James Katsiafas wrote, "I cannot comment on the financial impacts of the change of funding formulas, since I have not reviewed these, but I understand from the SAD's attorney that use of the Essential Programs and Services formula [incorporating student population] in SAD 44 would have led to Newry paying very little to the SAD."

As for the town's current options, Katsiafas described a scenario similar to information provided to town officials in March by

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Woodstock talks roadwork savings, broken windshields

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday agreed to a plan to save the town money on work on Rumford Avenue and pondered how to handle the problem of rocks from town dump trucks breaking motorists' windshields.

At the March Town Meeting voters approved funds to rebuild an 800-foot portion of Rumford Avenue. They also approved the purchase of a grader. Now selectmen plan to use the grader and the road crew to save some of the \$45,000 allocated for the roadwork.

They plan to hire Ken Koskela as a temporary town employee to act as job foreman and provide an excavator for the work, which is expected to take less than two weeks. The road crew will provide labor, trucks and the grader. The road may be closed for that period, the officials said, because both ends can be accessed reasonably easily.

The road would then be paved as part of other paving work planned for this year.

Selectmen also discussed altering plans for \$40,000 of rebuilding work on the Concord Pond Road this

year. They may instead use a significant portion of the funds to replace a large culvert near the Granite Ledge Road turn that often washes out, and then fix more of the road itself later.

As for paving projects this year, Maxfield said sections of road with the greatest need include Curtis Hill, Harbor, Cushman Hill and Gore roads, as well as Railroad Street.

In another issue indirectly related to road maintenance, Maxfield said he received a call two weeks ago from a motorist who said his windshield had been cracked by a rock flying off a town truck. The caller said state law requires that the backs of loaded dump trucks be covered, and on checking Maxfield said he learned that was true.

"None of our trucks have that capacity," he said. Maxfield also said he thought municipal trucks were exempt at least in the winter, when they carry sand.

Selectman Rick Young said truck covers cost roughly \$5,000 each, because they are electronically controlled. The town has three trucks.

Deegan suggested Max-

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GREEN-UP DAY IN BETHEL-The Bethel Conservation Commission organized a second annual Green-Up Day Saturday. About 40 people fanned out over the Bethel Pathway, Route 26, Bethel Station, Intervale Road, Sunset Road, and stretches of Routes 2 and 5. Greener-Uppers included Girl Scouts, members of Telstar's Interact service club, teachers, retirees and others, including several from nearby towns. They filled a large truck with trash, a station wagon with recyclable plastic, and donated four large bags of bottles and cans to the Interact club. Interesting finds included nine tires, three hubcaps, five dollars, some antique bottles, and a stuffed shark toy. Pictured here are Kayli Verrill and her dad, Harold. For a group photo see Page 6.

Carol Savage

School Board proposes extra \$110,000 for THS, AES repairs Directors approve FY'15 budget

By AMY CHAPMAN

SAD 44 directors acted Monday on a recommendation from the Finance Committee to ask district voters to approve taking \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for roof repair projects.

The board instead decided to raise the request to \$210,000. The increase was made after directors heard from Maintenance Supervisor Ron Deegan, who had prepared a priority list of roof maintenance projects throughout the district.

Before taking up the reserve account request, board members unanimously

approved the proposed SAD 44 budget of \$10,564,225 for the 2014-15 school year, an increase of just under \$193,000, and the proposed Adult and Community Education budget of \$158,073, up about \$6,000 over last year.

A district-wide public budget meeting will be held at the Helen C. Berry Auditorium at Telstar on Tuesday, May 27. Each member town will then vote on the budget on June 10.

Directors will sign the warrants for the May 27 meeting when they meet again on May 12, and an informational flyer will be mailed to all district households prior to the public budget meeting.

On the question of taking money from the Capital Reserve Account for roof repairs, Deegan told the board that if voters approved the request for \$100,000, the first project to be addressed would be the roof of the Woodstock Elementary School.

"Believe me, that roof leaks," he said. "We've got over 200 patches on it, and we've got to put some money into that."

The next priority would be a section of roof at the Telstar complex. "The roof drains aren't working properly, so we would re-install three roof drains," Deegan said.

The final project on Deegan's highest-priority list is repairing the roof of the district's maintenance building, where he said water is leaking in.

Projected costs for those three projects together total about \$98,000.

Tim Carter of Bethel, a member of the Facilities Committee, said there are other roof repair needs in the district, and he suggested asking voters to fund some of those from the reserve account as well.

"One of the worst issues we have in the district is problems with roofs," Carter

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State climatologist talks in Bethel about climate change in Maine

By AMY CHAPMAN

By the turn of the next century, Maine's climate will approximate that of present-day New Jersey.

"We really can't sit around waiting for a lifetime before we deal with this," said Maine State Climatologist Dr. George Jacobson, in his presentation, *The Changing Nature of Climate: Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems*. "I know we can solve these challenges, but we shouldn't wait too long to get started."

Jacobson delivered that message to a packed auditorium at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Science Center last week. His presentation was the fourth in the Mahoosuc Land Trust's *Changing Nature series*.

Jacobson is a Professor Emeritus of Biology, Ecology, and Climate Change. For 35 years, he has been affiliated with the University

of Maine's Climate Change Institute, the first climate research institute of its kind in North America.

Several years ago, the CCI was asked by then-governor John Baldacci to assess Maine's climate in the twenty-first century and to predict the effects of climate change over the next hundred years on forests, lakes and streams, and the Gulf of Maine.

Maine is unique in terms of climate variability, Jacobson said, because it encompasses six different plant hardiness zones within just four degrees of latitude from north to south.

This is the same variation in zones that occurs between northern North Dakota and southern Kansas. Jacobson said the same climate gradient that exists in Maine's four degrees of latitude occurs over 20 degrees of latitude in Europe, a distance

Horticulturist Dr. Rick Churchill of Newry speaks with Maine State Climatologist Dr. George Jacobson following Jacobson's lecture on the effects of climate change in Maine.

A. Chapman

equal to twice the length of California.

"This climate variability is one of the reasons

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Letters

INCLUDE MORE YOUNGSTERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

To the Editor:

Last year on Memorial Day I was saddened when a young person, about 8 years old, told me they did not know why we were all gathered on the Common or why we had a parade that day.

When I think of the old veterans who rarely speak of the horrors they lived through or the friends they lost in WWII; the younger veterans from the unspeakable terrors of Vietnam, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc., whose injuries are both physically visible and heartbreakingly internalized as they think of their comrades who never came home, it makes me want to DO SOMETHING to help us all remember. We sleep safely at night because there is a military ready to give their lives for us.

So, I propose we have a parade of bicycles, tricycles, scooters, baby carriages, wagons and skate boards so our young people can get excited about Memorial Day. We could have red, white and blue crepe paper woven through bicycle spokes; little American flags waving from handlebars; handmade posters; hats removed and held over our hearts as the big American flag goes proudly by. And then, when we gather on the Common let's have loud singing, with joyousness, of the Star Spangled Banner. Let's tell the world that we DO know and we DO remember!

Lida Iles
Bethel

LAKES ASSN. SEEKS INPUT

To the Editor:

We've all heard how what we put into our bodies has a huge effect on our health. The same is true for what we allow to go into our lakes and ponds.

In the mid-80s China Lake in central Maine suffered rapidly declining water quality and a resultant nuisance algae bloom. The lake turned green, the fish died, it smelled and was not fit to swim in. It became known as the "China Lake Syndrome."

It was discovered that a huge increase in housing construction in the water shed created soil erosion which ended up in the lake. Despite efforts to stop phosphorus runoff China Lake has only slightly improved since the mid-80s. Phosphorus recycling from the lake bottom, which occurs to some degree in all lakes when they turn over due to temperature inversion, is still a major concern for China Lake.

The Community Lakes Association of Woodstock and Greenwood was formed in 1986. We have worked to keep soil, soap and septic runoff, they all begin with S and they all contain phosphorus, out of our ponds. We perform sechi disk tests bimonthly; hire a professional Biologist to test for water quality; campaign to protect wild life; have spent many thousands of dollars and countless work hours fighting milfoil; keep the ponds free of trash, maintain loon nests and do a loon count for Maine Audubon.

We are in a transition phase and are looking for advice from our communities. Some of our officers have served for 20 or more years and would like to retire. Therefore, there will be a meeting at 9 a.m. on June 7 at the Woodstock town Office to do the following:

1. Discuss the future structure of the Association.
2. Plan the annual meeting to be held on July 12.
3. Recommend a slate of officers to be elected at that meeting.
4. Other issues.

It would be wonderful to have at least one person from each of our ponds at this meeting; MORE WOULD BE BETTER!

Nancy Willard
Woodstock

MOLLYOCKETT ESSAY CHALLENGE

To the Editor:

The second annual MollyOckett Essay Challenge deadline is May 15, 2014. Open to high school students from both Telstar High School and Gould Academy, the essay challenge is an opportunity for our youth to speak up and be part of the historic change in how we celebrate MollyOckett. This historic and local woman, MollyOckett, was Abanaki and lived from 1742-1816 and modeled important values for our community. One male and one female winner will be awarded \$350 each (a little more than \$100 a page) for this 1000 word essay answering the question: "Why is it important that we still celebrate MollyOckett?" Entries e-mailed to: arla@megalink.net.

Additionally, we are planning to bring into greater focus the original intent of MollyOckett Day, by having a donation barrel on the green for dollars to support the health needs of a local family. Please look for the barrel near the Bethel Alliance Church booth on the Bethel green and drop in a dollar in support of local families. This will honor MollyOckett's memory as the originators of this celebration some 57 years ago had intended.

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Bryant Pond

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WOODSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY YARD SALE

To the Editor:

The Woodstock Historical Society is having a yard sale on Saturday, May 17 (rain date May 18). The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum building on North Main Street in Bryant Pond village. Donations of gently used items would be greatly appreciated. Please no computers, TVs, large appliances, clothes or books. Proceeds will be used for operating expenses at the Museum. Call Sue at 665-2290 or Leslie at 665-2115 for drop time times.

Thank you for helping us preserve the history of our area.

*Larry Bonney
The Woodstock Historical Society*

JUST AS I WARNED

To the Editor:

I just want to say to Brenda Stickney with regard to her letter of two weeks ago: Now you know for certain what it takes to be friends with a Kool-Aid drinking liberal. You will agree with them or they will write an overblown letter against you and your philosophy.

There is no more of a closed-minded person than a liberal that you would have the audacity to disagree with. You will now be branded, either by inference or actively, as an uncaring, insensitive and foolish conservative who only cares about your own personal gains and as a person who couldn't care less about the plight of the downtrodden. Take heart Brenda. You are right and they are wrong. And they won't know the difference until all of our rights have been taken away and in so doing, all of our responsibilities along with it. We will all be cared for by the government, for the government and of the government.

*Harry Faulkner
Bethel*

THE DIS-INFORMATION MACHINE?

To the Editor:

I did pretty well in high school English composition and social studies, but I am baffled by Seabury Lyon's letter in last week's Citizen. I could find no comprehensible facts in his high sounding gibberish, so I am putting in plain English what he must have been saying.

The biggest source of "dis-information" in the past 5 years is in my opinion the Obama administration, and I will cite examples. First came the "Fast and Furious" scandal, where Obama's Attorney General was found in contempt of Congress for lying to Congress about his knowledge or involvement in that misguided adventure; Holder was saved only by the President's citing of "executive privilege" to prevent release of the relevant documents.

Then came the now famous and oft repeated statements, "If you like your doctor or health care provider, you can keep them!"

Then there was the terrorist attack on Benghazi, Libya, where the American Ambassador and three other brave Americans were assassinated, and the President said, "Those responsible for this attack will be held accountable!" No one has been held accountable, even though one of the admitted perpetrators appeared on Libyan TV and boasted about it.

Then came the famous "red line" that the President drew in Syria, when he stated that "If Syrian President Assad uses chemical weapons against his own people, that would be a red line for me, and he will be held accountable." Assad is still using chemical weapons against his people, and no one is being held accountable.

Then came the IRS scandal where Lois Learner was accused of allowing personnel in her division to use "extra scrutiny" of conservative groups applying for tax exempt status. Ms. Learner has refused to testify before Congress. The President told Fox news' Bill O'Reilly, "There is not a smidgen of corruption in the IRS." The FBI investigation into those allegations has found nothing, primarily because they only seem to talk to Government sources and, to my knowledge, not to any of the groups who have reported to being discriminated against.

Now, the President threatens Russia's Vladimir Putin with punitive actions if he continues occupying Ukrainian territory. To date, no substantive action has been taken, and Putin is undeterred.

At this point our President appears to be the "boy who cried wolf!" And nobody believes him anymore. And I didn't even mention Iran.

*Richard Grover
Mason*

BACK TO REALITY

To the Editor:

A response to Brenda Stickney's "Removed from Reality" letter to the Citizen. Brenda's quest to seek the truth in the realm of reality seems in need of a degree of scrutiny. I harbor no personal animosity towards Brenda herself but I cannot help but to take issue with her seemingly misguided concept of reality. The reality is that the corporate structure, which is said to be the backbone of this nation has spent millions of dollars securing the bought and paid for prime allegiance of the Republican establishment in Washington, which is supported and reinforced by a politically biased Supreme Court judiciary.

Another of Brenda's queries was how did Barack Obama ever get elected. The reality to that is simple and straightforward. Obama was elected President and then re-elected for a second term because in both cases the only other available alternative was a corporately sponsored and dedicated Republican.

In reference to what Obama was doing when four Americans were being killed in Benghazi. Benghazi is a remote and dangerous area of the globe and in reality Obama was likely doing the same thing that George Bush was doing when right here at home 3,000 Americans were killed in the 9/11 incident. They were both likely officiating over their office as President.

It is reality that the Republican establishment throughout this nation has openly stated its intent to rig future elections by any devious means including impeding the right of selected segments of society the privilege of casting their ballot. It by no means should be the responsibility of the voter to prove that they are indeed a citizen. It should be the obligation of those in opposition to prove that they are not.

There are numerous other points of realistic contention in Brenda's presentation but for the sake of brevity I will refrain from taking issue with them. I do however have to agree wholeheartedly with Brenda, that we must certainly elect only those who are "actually" in touch with reality.

*Don Chase
Bethel*

ADVICE ON FIREWOOD

To the Editor:

Spring is here and now is the time to get in your supply of firewood if you heat with wood and have not already done so. I burned wood for 25 years and worked in wood drying. Traveling the countryside, I see many bad practices that lead to people ending up with poorly dried wood. The main one being a pile dumped and left until fall. The wood in the interior of the pile will not dry properly. The ideal moisture content for firewood is about 20 percent, and wood properly piled early in the spring is usually dried to about this point by fall.

The wood should be piled on stringers to keep it up off the ground. It should be piled in single rows with the piles far enough apart to give good air circulation around the piles and far enough apart so that they don't shade each other. A cover on top of the piles to keep the rain out is also good practice.

Wood dries 20 to 30 times faster through the end grain than through the side grain, so this end grain drying is the major factor in drying firewood. The combination of temperature and relative humidity affect the drying rate. April, May and June are considered the best drying months, the heat of summer is offset somewhat by higher humidity. By October, if you have had a typical summer, the wood should be dry enough to store inside the garage or cellar. You should never store green wood in the cellar. Every cord will contain about a ton of water, which will evaporate, causing major damage in today's houses.

As to species, you generally have to take the mix you get, pretty much beech, birch and maple. Oak is very good as it is very dense, but it takes up to two years to dry properly. Soft maple burns well, but should only be burned in a hot fire as it has a very rank and acrid odor if used in a banked fire at night (if you do so, your neighbors will hate you). Birch is another item. Birch bark contains combustible oil, which can form a varnish-like combustible deposit on the inside of the chimney. I used to clean my own chimney, which was a cold, outside chimney, and noted this one year, but it flaked off during the summer. Watch your mix of birch. When we had a stainless steel liner put in the chimney at our camp, the chimney man warned us not to burn birch because of this problem. Best to go on the advice of your chimney cleaner. I quit burning wood before the latest chemical cleaners came out, so I can't comment on those.

There is a long-time radio program out of Bangor called "Hot and Cold." It is a call-in program covering about all the phases of domestic energy use - stoves, solid wood, wood pellets, heat pumps, insulation problems etc., from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday mornings. It can be heard on 101.3 FM out of Augusta. It is primarily a call-in program, and is very popular with both homeowners and trades people.

By the way, it is my understanding that defective chimneys are the second greatest cause of fires in Maine, clothes dryers are first, so clean your dryer ducts!

*Richard A. Hale
Bethel*

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Greenwood selectmen voted unanimously to offer the job of town manager to Kimberly A. Sparks, of Bowdoinham.

The Oxford County Bicentennial quilt, which included a square from each of the 40 towns in the county, was completed and ready for display.

Births: Jacob Porter Boutilier, Michael James Farrington, Ashley Lorraine Leonard, Kaleb Allen Wayne Frost.

Deaths: Edna L. Dupont, Maxine D. Wright, Kenneth Edwin Mason.

20 years ago: Bethel and Newry firefighters battled a blaze at the shavings shed behind Newton & Tebbetts in West Bethel. Damage was estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Bethel Pack 566 Cub Scouts held its annual Pinewood Derby at Telstar High School. Judges were Dale Bellman, Dennis Walley and Brian Stowell.

30 years ago: The Gould Academy drama group presented Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," under the direction of Mrs. Carol Fiske.

Poppy Girl for Jackson Silver Unit American Legion Auxiliary was seven-year-old Koral Smith, daughter of Ronnie and Sally Smith.

Births: Jonathan Nicholas Glatz, Ray Joseph Crockett.

Deaths: Francis D. Mills, Mrs. Sylvia O. Judkins, Lloyd A. Hathaway.

40 years ago: Ninety-eight year old Guy Swan was presented the Boston Post Cane for Woodstock.

Telstar thespians were rehearsing for their spring production, "The Matchmaker," a comedy in four acts by Thornton Wilder.

Births: Mandala Auchmoody Johnson, Jennifer Raye Bailey.

50 years ago: The Eleanor Gordon Guild's annual mother-daughter banquet was held at the Campus Malt Shop and Restaurant.

Mrs. Jane Van moved into her new home on Vernon Street.

Martha's Grille opened for the season May 8.

Birth: William Douglas Young.

Deaths: Mrs. Nora Merrill, Royal A. Hodsdon, Franklin A. Downey.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Clark had gone to Boscobuck Camps for the season.

Robert Croteau, Herbert Adams and Ralph Merrill were reported not seriously injured following the crash of their automobile into High Bridge in Virginia.

Birth: Laura Jane Emerson.

70 years ago: Carmino Onofrio, a one-time resident of Bethel, invented a pulpwood loader which promised great things for this industry.

Dr. G.L. Kneeland opened an office for the practice of osteopathy in Mrs. Annie Young's house on Main Street.

Death: Rev. Percy J. Clifford.

80 years ago: The Academy grounds were being graded.

Miss Clara Whitman of Bryant Pond was awarded the prize for Oxford County in the contest for prize essays on Maine Education and Its Needs, sponsored by the Maine Teachers Association.

Deaths: Mrs. Ellen A. Drew, Charles M. Record.

90 years ago: The Webster Holt house in Hanover, owned by Saunders Bros., was destroyed by fire. The cause was undetermined.

Deaths: Harry P. Vashaw, Mary Hastings Skillings, Henry Clinton Barker.

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we have such diversity of plants and animal life in the state. We can drive an hour or two and be in someplace so different."

In response to Baldacci's request, Jacobson assembled a group of about 75 volunteer colleagues who were willing to share their expertise. They included biologists, geologists, archaeologists, oceanographers, and computer scientists. Their report, "Maine's Climate Future," was released in 2009.

"We based our estimates of the changing climate on a conservative scenario," he said. "We made a hopeful assumption that there would be some progress in reducing emissions. Even with that middle range set of emissions, [by 2100] the climate will be about seven to ten degrees warmer all over the state of Maine, in all parts of the year."

That increase in average temperatures, Jacobson said, means that by the end of the twenty-first century, our climate in Maine will be similar to current conditions "well south of Connecticut." Estimates are that sea levels will rise by at least one meter, and possibly by as much as two meters, over the same period.

Five hundred billion metric tons of carbon have been added to the earth's atmosphere since 1850 as a result of the use of fossil fuels, and half of that amount has been added in just the past 25 years. Projections from recent studies show that carbon dioxide levels, which recently passed the 400 parts per million threshold, will rise to between 550 and 900 parts per million by 2100, depending on what steps are taken to counteract the rise.

"In my lifetime, I certainly have noticed changes, and I'm sure some of you have, too," Jacobson said, citing earlier average dates for ice-out and peak spring run-off. He also noted that in the ear-

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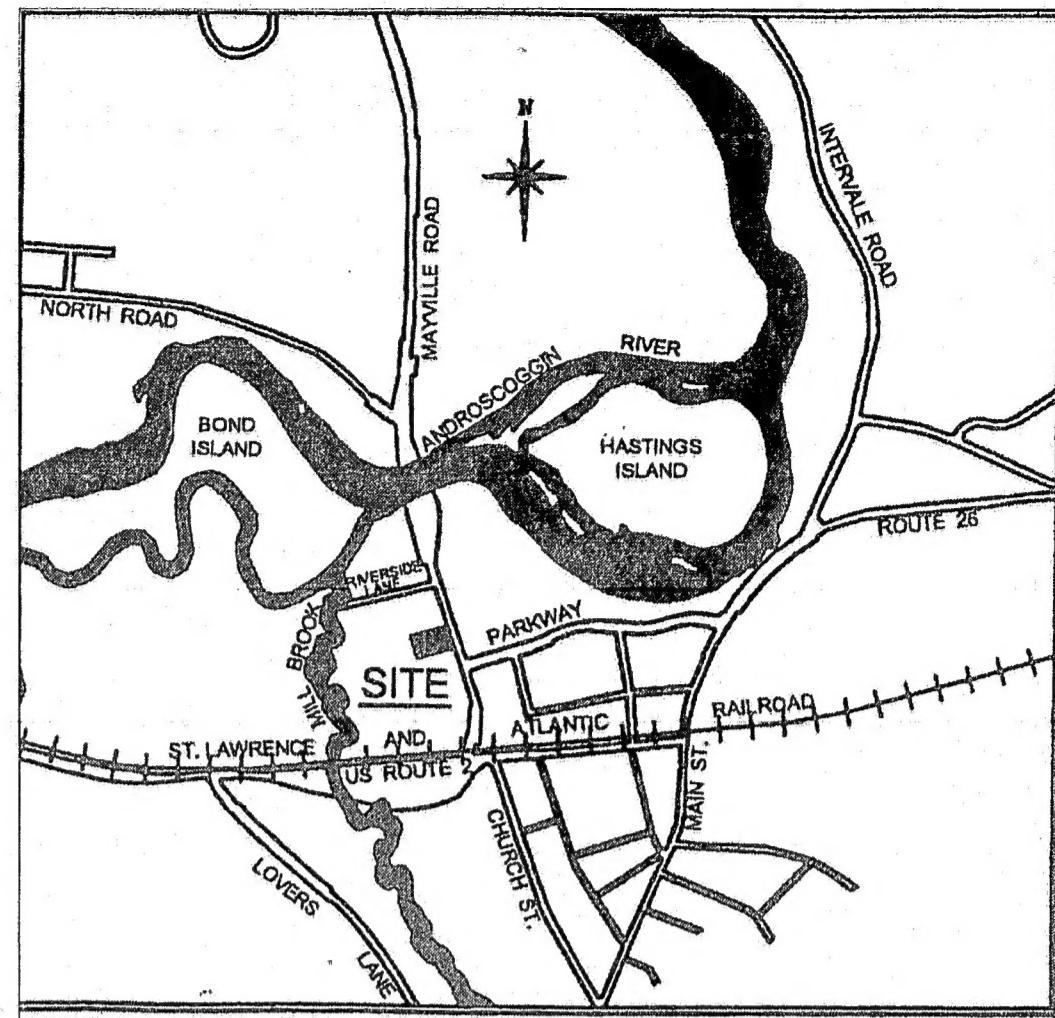
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One Parkway, Bethel (Norway Savings Bank Building)



A plan map of the Route 2/Parkway intersection area, with 'SITE' labeling the location of the proposed Family Dollar Store. See story on Page 1.

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said. "I think every voter in the district knows that the roof is one of the most important parts of your building, because if your roof leaks, your whole building's got problems. It makes a lot more sense to me to go for more money now than to come back for more money next year."

In October, the CCI will host a one-day workshop at the University of Maine on "Climate Adaptation and Sustainability." The focus will be on planning for the inevitable changes to come and adapting to them.

The full CCI report, "Maine's Climate Future," which contains the information and graphs on which Jacobson based his presentation, can be downloaded from the Climate Change Institute's website, <http://climatechange.umaine.edu>.

"If you walk around the school, you can see that they're rotten and you can look right into the edges of the roof."

Finally, Deegan described

a section of steel roofing in Andover that needs repair, at a cost of about \$21,000.

"It's got holes in it, and all the fasteners are coming out of it, so we really probably ought to do that."

Murphy said if directors chose not to seek the additional money this year, they could expect to see the projects on Deegan's second priority list come up for funding next year. He told the board that the Capital Reserve Account currently totals about \$800,000.

"I think you use it as you need it, and hope that you can replenish it at some point, but if you had \$600,000 left, you'd still be in good shape compared to a lot of districts that don't even have reserve accounts," he said.

Woodstock director Marcel Polak asked Deegan if there was a danger in waiting another year for the second list of projects. "In other words,

will we have more damage

that's going to wind up costing us more money?"

"If you've got a roof that isn't where it should be, that leaks, there's always that danger," Deegan replied.

Deb Webster of Newry questioned the need to put money into repairing the roof of the Andover Elementary School. "Andover might be withdrawing. I'm not sure that the roof is greatly affecting the students' learning there this year. Am I right, or not?"

"No, it's not affecting the learning," Deegan said, "but the roof does need the repairs."

Andover director Tim Akers took issue with the suggestion of leaving the AES roof repairs off the list. "Andover is paying the district an extra \$180,000, and I think that needs to be fixed," he said. "It rated up there, so it

was put on the list, and I'm just going to say that it definitely should be on there, absolutely."

AES Principal Richard Curley agreed. "I would second Tim's opinion," he said. "Leaks don't get better on their own. They only get worse. The sooner we fix it, cost-wise, the cheaper it's going to be."

The board voted unanimously to ask voters to approve moving \$210,000 from the reserve account for the repairs.

Andover update

The Andover withdrawal agreement, which the board last month had agreed to as being substantially the same as the one they approved last fall, is expected to be finalized soon, following review by attorneys for SAD 44 and Andover, according to Murphy.

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2014 CHAMBER AWARDS RECIPIENTS-More than 200 people gathered at the Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom at Sunday River to honor this year's Annual Awards winners presented by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The following people were recognized for their contributions to the community. Front: Doug Wilson, Special Recognition for organizing the Jeep Jamboree; Elise Berry, Skiesta Scholarship; Arla Patch, Lifetime Achievement; Kathy Bennett, Education Employee of the Year; Jodie Wilson, Special Recognition for organizing the Jeep Jamboree; Robert Baribeau, Public Service; Dave Bean, Harry H. Hastings Citizenship Award. Middle: Mike Cooper, Ski Industry Employee of the Year; Sarah Lane and Jeremy Fredette of Bethel Bait Tackle & More, Rising Star Entrepreneur; Matthew Hiebert and Les Otten of Maine Energy Systems, Business of the Year; Gabriel Perkins, Non-Profit Leadership; Kurt Mason, Skiesta Scholarship; Russell Coulter of Hancock Lumber, Forest Products Industry Award. Back: Maisy Griffin, Student Citizenship Award; Eric Lowell, Skiesta Scholarship; Austin Ryerson, Student Citizenship; Autumn Morin, Skiesta Scholarship; Jennifer Wakefield, Skiesta Scholarship. Not Pictured: Laurie Knowles Herron, Service & Retail Award; Sheila Holland, Hospitality Employee of the Year; Wende Gray, Rocky Freida Memorial Award; Lynn Saxton, Chamber Volunteer of the Year; and Kevin Annis, Myles Lilly, Lily Weaver, and Danny Whitney, Skiesta Scholarships.

Carol Savage

Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT

Airport's new terminal building:

Bethel Regional Airport's new terminal seems

to be open for business.

Compared to the old terminal building it is considerably larger. It has a conference room with up-to-date table and chairs which the old terminal did not. Large office space is provided for flight planning and pilot's lounge. Facilities include computer, printer, communications and flight information. The center is a general "passenger lounge" with table, magazines and chairs. To the right of this main area is a coffee and snack bar "kitchen." As one enters the building to the immediate right is a rest room and soft drink cooler/dispensers are to the left in entrance hall. (Photos on the Bethel Journals webpage)

Snowmobiling and dog sledding at Bethel Outdoor Adventure: I was surprised to see signs for Northeast Snowmobiling and New England Dog Sledding at BOA. The snowmobile website indicates operations at Fryeburg, Bethel and Gorham, N.H. Dog sledding is part of Steve Crone's outdoors adventure and recreational experience package at the Telemark Wilderness Lodge on the Kings

er View becoming a trust land. One of the features mentioned in describing the property is a section of "old Route 2." The new section was constructed in the 1972-1974 period. The old section has some scenic qualities for walkers. On the entrance end the cow crossing tunnel (opened in the early 1950s) is quite visible and at the end of the old road is what was once a scenic parking area still exists and the end of the walkable strip. This parking spot is unfortunately used by travelers and some residents as a garbage and litter dump since the lot has a steep bank above the river. (Photos on the Bethel Journals webpage)

Old Route 2 in Mayville: This winter I read about the possibility of the Thurston land north of the Riv-

NEWRY

Continued from page 1

SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy. Newry could approach its state representative and senator about "amending the law to amend or repeal the exception for SAD 44." But, said Katsiaficas, "that amendment or repeal will affect the other towns in the SAD and so the State Legislature is unlikely to amend or repeal the exception provision unless all of the Towns and the SAD Board are in agreement."

A second option would be to pursue the change locally. That process, said Katsiaficas, "begins with a written petition by a number of voters equal to at least 10 percent of those voting in the last gubernatorial election within the District (the voters signing may all be from Newry or also could be from other towns - you just need to reach the 10 percent of the District requirement) or with the approval of a majority of the full board of SAD directors."

Municipal representatives from each town would then meet to consider a change. "Any change in the cost-sharing method approved by a majority of municipal representatives must be submitted to the voters at a SAD meeting. The change becomes effective if it is approved by a majority vote in a SAD referendum held under 20-A M.R.S. §§ 1351-1354 (standard district referendum process). However,

an alternative cost-sharing plan based on each town's number of pupils and fiscal capacity and any other factor must be approved by a majority of voters in each town."

The final option - the one some residents have said Newry might use as leverage in seeking a formula change - would be to withdraw from the district and tuition its students to SAD 44 and/or other nearby schools at a much lower cost.

In requesting the legal

opinion, selectmen also submitted several specific questions. One asked if the formula were changed whether Newry could vote at its annual Town Meeting to give "additional discretionary funds" to SAD 44 on a yearly basis, to ease the impact on the other towns. Katsiaficas said the town could not.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Also at last week's board meeting, selectmen discussed an opinion from the town attorney regarding an executive session they held April 1 about what Selectman Brooks Morton said was an e-mail he wrote to Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney regarding the selection of an engineering bid for a Sunday River Road project (see April 17 Citizen).

Morton had not been notified by Chairman Wendy Hanscom that he was the subject of the session, which was called for a personnel

matter. At the board's April 15 meeting he took issue with that omission.

At last week's board meeting, Hanscom said the attorney had advised that an executive session was the appropriate way to handle the situation in order to protect the rights of the people involved. She said that the employee involved had been notified but chose not to participate in the session. Morton should also have been notified before the executive session, she said, and once the session started and he realized it was about him, he had the right to ask that it be postponed.

But Morton said the session had lasted only a few minutes and he did not have much time to react. He said he commonly takes time to process information, and went away from the session wondering, "what the heck was that all about?" He said he thought the bid issue had been worked out before the session anyway.

He also said he would have chosen to have the discussion in public. Hanscom, however, said that would require more legal advice before proceeding in open session.

Morton questioned the query by Town Administrator Loretta Powers to the lawyer on the issue, saying the attorney had only gotten one

side of the situation. Powers said she had just asked for an opinion and advice on how the executive session was handled.

The town officials went on to have a lengthy discussion about procedures leading up to and surrounding the executive session.

During that time Hanscom apologized to Morton for not notifying him on the subject of the executive session.

She also asked if the other officials had anything else to talk about regarding communication with each other.

Morton said he wanted to apologize for "causing a ruckus."

Following is the March 20 e-mail Morton sent to Bonney at his town e-mail address. The Town Office provided it on the Citizen's request, as a public record. The e-mail addresses a comment Bonney made immediately after the board had reviewed engineering bid rankings presented by Bonney (based on several criteria such as cost, experience and familiarity with the project), and selected Joe Aloisio of JAGJA, Inc. for a Sunday River Road project. Bonney said,

"Another reason I might have given JAGJA a higher ranking was - probably a little biased - but I figured working for the out-

fit that owns the land that we're dealing with, we might have a little better dealings with them." Aloisio also works for Sunday River Resort, which owns property along that section of the road.

Dave, I must say I was a little disappointed with the way the selection process ended. I thought the whole idea of putting everything out to bid was to get a more professional job than what had been done before. We set out criteria to make a decision and then did not hold all applicants to the same standard. It will be hard to establish integrity if the decision is decided by bias in the end. I have the highest regard for your complete dedication to any task that is assigned to you. I also value your judgement. It would have been nice to have been aware of the bias before the vote so as to have had the chance to discuss it. In the confusion of the dilemma about the election, looking back, I feel it lacked proper vetting by myself and the other selectboard members.

I though it best I write to tell you my sentiments, I trust you will not take it personal. Brooks

Bonney was contacted this week to ask if he wished to comment, but he declined.

(Note: The writer of this news article is married to engineer Joe Aloisio.)



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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



I was just thinking about all the jobs I've done over the years and there have been quite a few of them. Some pretty good ones and some not so good.

As a kid and through my teenage years I didn't have any real jobs other than babysitting, but I was quite enterprising however. I would respond to the back page of some comic books to sell greeting cards or White Cloverine Brand Salve by going door to door. My sales were pretty good too I think partly because when someone turned me down I cried. They usually changed their minds and bought whatever I was peddling.

In my teenage years I did Tupperware and toy parties and I also did the Signet and Grace Homes Clubs. I'm sure some of the older ladies remember those. It was a way to get some new clothes for school.

The first real job I had is one I would prefer to forget but it was so bad and gross it will stay in my mind forever. It was working at a poultry processing plant cutting out the business end of chickens. I knew then that my employment options in the future would definitely be better than that.

After being on the butt end of the poultry processing business things did get better. I went from

that job to the shoe factory and then into secretarial work followed by office management then newspaper advertising sales and writing.

There were some part-time jobs as well to help supplement the income, but the hardest job yet the most fulfilling job I ever had and in fact still have is being a mother.

I'm sure every mother can remember those brief moments of fear and panic

Happy Mother's Day

ic when their sleeping infants were sleeping so soundly they appeared to not be breathing. I recall putting my hand on tiny chests to make sure there was movement and on a few occasions waking a baby up to assure myself that the little bugger was okay. The protesting cry of my little one brought a sigh of relief to their worried mother.

Then came weaning time when I put my babies to bed without the benefit of a nighttime bottle. It's amazing how pathetic a little tot can sound and how hard it is to keep

yourself from running to the crib to pick them up. Many are the nights when I cried right along with them.

No matter how much fear and frustration I experienced all it took was one smile from my little cherubs and nothing else mattered.

My children taught me that there was no sound on earth as beautiful as a little child's laughter or sight more heartbreak than a little one's tears.

Over the years of my children's upbringing I burst with pride over every milestone and achievement and I cried in frustration when cause and effect were concepts they couldn't or wouldn't grasp. I learned early on that my children were my weakness and my strength.

They are adults now with children of their own and I find I still burst with pride from time to time and still cry in frustration on occasions. And, I also find that no matter how grown up my children are I still have a great job as their mother and hope to keep it for many more years to come.

To all of you mothers out there I want to wish you a very happy Mother's Day and the way I see it you should all pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

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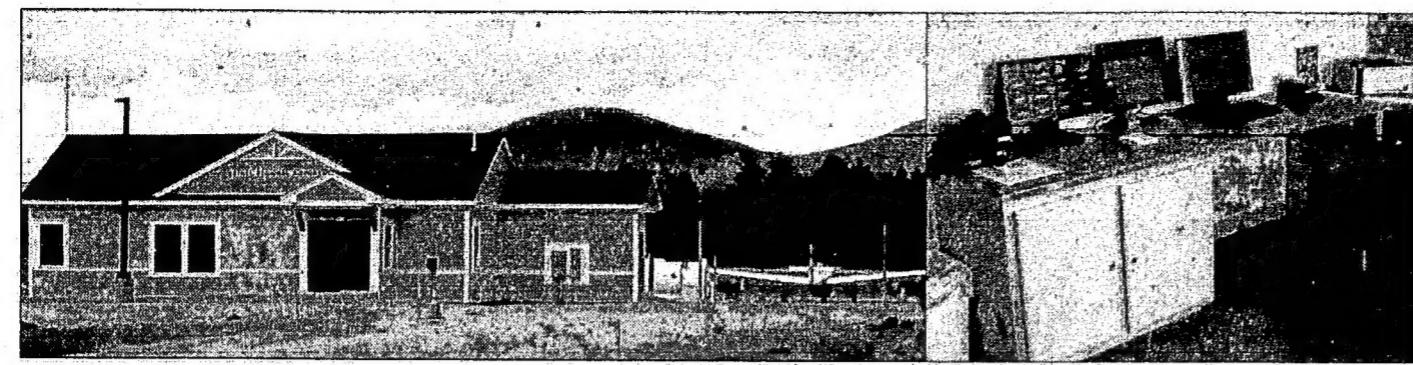
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The Bethel Airport's new terminal building.

D. Bennett

Highway in Mason. They had a good solid dog sledging winter - no January thaw and overall an extra month of snow on the trails - dogs stayed healthy and clients left happy.

And after a quick look at the Gehring Green property did not see any sign of activity there yet. Facebook entries have indicated some ground breaking

this spring.

Sunday's Spring Ma-

hoosuc Community Band

Concert drew the largest

audience we have seen yet,

We thought that each con-

cert gets better and better

part - also audience en-

joyment comes, I believe,

from hearing familiar mel-

odies played so well. Kathy

thought that Dies Irae by

Verdi was her favorite. My

ten stars went to Star Dust, Man of LaMancha and the Beatles medley.

History Notes - Bethel

Grammar School

A hundred and twenty years ago this month work began on building Bethel's first brick schoolhouse. As most know it was on High Street across the street from Gould Academy. The McLaughlin Science Center stands there now. The year before land for the new school was purchased from John Philbrook for \$800. In 1895 Philbrook would build his magnificent home now the Victoria Inn.

Horace Purinton of Waterville was the contractor selected to do the job. Mr. F.A. Thompson of Portland was architect. Shortly after work started several people complained that the contractor was not following the plans. A meeting on site was called, a survey completed and the contractor was exonerated of the complaints.

Two Bethel Village schools became surplus: they were the Broad Street, District No. 15 School (sold to Eben Kilborn for \$450) and the second one was on Mechanic Street, District No. 30 (sold to Ira Jordan for \$400.) The District No. 15 School on Broad Street which later became the Pines guest house of the Bethel Inn. The District No. 30 School on Mechanic Street was repositioned on the same lot and became a privately owned house although at first it was remodeled into a two unit

Desks for the school were purchased from Paris Manufacturing Company. Mr. Charles Davis freighted them to Bethel. Furnace for the school heating system was purchased from Mr. N.F. Brown (now Brooks Bros.) who was also the Supervisor of Schools in Bethel.

Total cost of the new school was \$14,096 which included the land.

Less than four years lat-

er the new brick school provided emergency classroom space for Gould after a major fire closed the Academy. On Thursday evening, Feb. 10, 1898, fire was discovered at Gould Academy about 10:15. At that time the fire had broken out on the south side wall up near the eaves, also fire was coming through the roof in several places.

Both hose companies were

soon on the grounds, one

taking the inside and the

other working outside. The

fire was all in the upper,

unfinished story recently

used as a gymnasium. (My

grandfather was a Gould

student at the time. He re-

turned home to Errol, N.H.

and never came back to

school.)

Professor Hanscom who

had taken over as Gould's

new principal only eight

months before quickly

made arrangements to

transfer some of the desks

from the academy into the

town's brick school build-

ing and finish the winter

term of the academy - two

weeks more - in the brick

building. Classes opened

the following Wednesday.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

The Bethel Library's

annual plant sale is Satur-

day, May 31. This plant

sale has a

widespread reputation as

one of the best local places

to get affordable perennials.

All the plants are don-

nated by local gardeners. If

you want to donate plants,

stop by the library, or call

Susan Day at 824-2741 or

Susan Parker at 824-4767.

The library will provide

you with pots, plant mark-

ers, and even pick up your

plants if you can't get them

to the library.

If you want to see a spec-

tacular display of spring

wildflowers, go to Martin's

Lane just off Route 2 across

from the picnic area. There

are hundreds of bloodroot flowers blossoming in the wet areas beside the lane. These delicate white flowers are about an inch wide when they are open. The blossoms do not last long and when they fade, the leaves grow to about eight inches wide. The plant gets its name from the red liquid secreted when the root is broken. Although bloodroot has been used historically as a medicine, the plant is poisonous. It is a skin irritant and can be dangerous if it is ingested.

Some wildflower guides warn that the plant is "not for home medicinal use." Barbara Honkala contacted me to let me know that her brother, Ed Hastings and his wife Patricia, from Stevensville, Mont. were in the area visiting with her for the last ten days in April. They made their annual trip to L.L. Bean and also called on several relatives in the area.

Barbara, I appreciate you

notifying me and hope that

you had an enjoyable time

with your brother.

The East Bethel cemetery association met on Monday night to elect new officers and to set May 17 as their annual clean-up day for the East Bethel cemetery. Those interested in lending a hand can meet at 9 that morning. Please bring a rake and gloves.

Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting May 9 at the Hall. There will be a 6:30 p.m. pot luck supper and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

With Mother's Day approaching this weekend I'm reminded of the days of corn kernel and macaroni art with Elmer's glue and crepe paper as a child. How about you? What does Mother's Day remind you of?

As a child I remember working my best poem for my mom and it almost always had the typical "Roses are red" beginning. Until I got older and decided that she would like a house plant or an outdoor flowering plant more than my words, I put considerable effort into my words for her.

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I'm Lynette

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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs from 12 towns in Oxford County.

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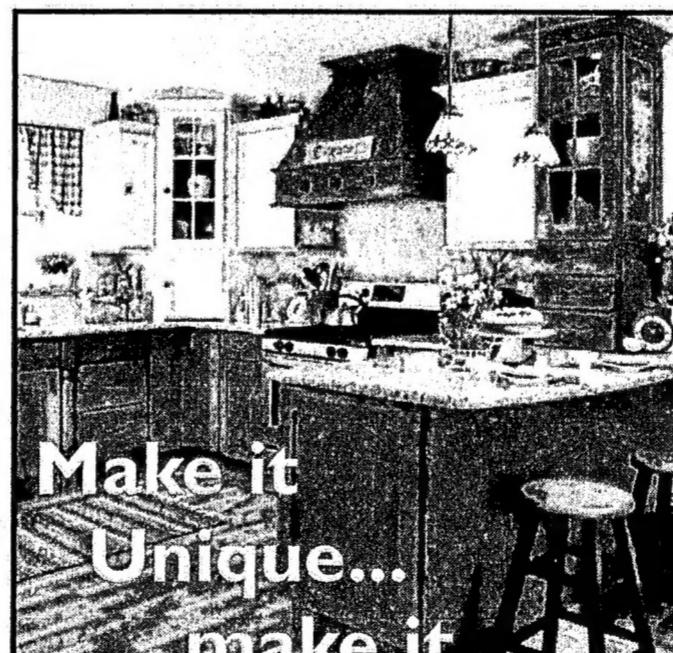
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While I'm sure she appreciated anything that came from me, I was, and still am, the type of person that wants to gift the perfect gift. You know, really put some thought into it.

Which brings me to this question, how much thought do you suppose Heavenly Father put into each of us and who our earthly parents were to be? Did you always fight with your families? Were you the type of family who always got along?

I do believe that there was considerable thought put into who we were to be raised by, and we were all meant to learn and grow from the situations we experienced.

This Mother's Day, I will give thanks to my Father for the creation of my mother, my grandmother, and her mother before her.

I have learned from each of them, I have grown from the experiences in my life and am thankful for the presence and health of my mom and grandmother still being in my life.

I pray today you will find that the gift of love and appreciation is most likely the greatest and most perfect gift you can offer. Blessings to you and thank you for reading.

If you would like to share your family news with me or some history, please feel free to e-mail me at brindle-labs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



This Friday, May 9, there will be a fish fry at the Greenwood Fire Station on the Howe Hill Road from 3 to 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our town meeting on May 18, 9 a.m., at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road.

While you are writing that down, you can also make a note that the Maniac Mountaineers will be playing at the Greenwood Town Hall, Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m.

And, another happening, Locke's Mills native son, Dean Bennett, will talk about the Wild River and its ghost town of Hastings on Sunday, May 18, 2 p.m. at the West Paris library.

The swap shop is open at the recycling center. If you have used items with life left in them, this is a good place to take them. Some-

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GREEN UP DAY CREW-This group took part in Saturday's Green Up Day effort in Bethel (see photo, Page 1 for more) Pictured are Ann Speth, Jessie Perkins, Scott Hynek, Carla Phillips, Kathleen Devore, Steve Wight, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Carla Boyle-Wight, Sarah Southam, Nancy Babcock, Jackie Cressy, Mike Broderick, Austin Ryerson, Carol Savage

one else may be able to use what you no longer need. And, you may find something you need.

More on the bird world - besides the crows chasing the bald eagle, Blaine Mills mentioned that he saw two loons heckling the eagle. You'd think that with the size plus the talons and beak that the other birds would be afraid of the eagle. That does not appear to be the case in Greenwood. Please send news to staichi6@gmail.com.

D.A. Wilson was the only contractor to submit a bid for the summer road maintenance. It was a little over the amount approved at Town Meeting, so the Board tabled the matter.

Mr. Morton suggested we look into having our own D.O.T. Get your trucks ready, Alan!

I should have stuck with my first statement. Last week, I threw my buddy (Brad W.) under the bus for giving me the wrong information. Of course, it turns out he was right. A hunter is allowed to hunt turkeys the whole day this spring as well as the fall - all on the same permit. Moral of the story: Listen to your buddy. And look it up on the website. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife prints out the rule book for two years, but decided to change the laws after the first year. The website is always current. Anyway, always check the rules yourself before hunting or fishing.

At the April 29 Selectboard meeting, Rhonda Baker spoke about the dangers of Lyme disease. She

recyclables into one bin.

Ballot clerks and election officials were voted in, as

well as the other town positions. The Board will have a special workshop to review the Town Administrator's position.

The Grange Hall came up for discussion. Mr. Bonney had been looking into and getting some bids for insulating the Grange Hall. Mr. Morton wondered if it was worth it, considering the amount of use it gets. They discussed the possibilities of setting it up so it could be drained easily and turned back on when needed. The Board will continue to look into the matter. If residents have any comments, please come to a Board meeting.

The Board received information from the town's lawyer regarding school funding. The information should be available at the Town Office and at the informational meeting on school funding on May 19.

Kevin and Polly at Maquoosuc Guide Service had already got multiple bids. It is good to see the competition and the varying bid packages. Sounds like the roadsides will get a little sprucing up this year. It's a constant battle to keep the woods from creeping into the roadway. But it is necessary for plowing in the winter and general visibility.

The transfer station's future continues to be discussed. Single stream seems to be the preferred method. I can't wait to see how it all gets worked out.

I think in the end, people will like putting all their recyclables into one bin.

Ballot clerks and election officials were voted in, as

about his wooden toys he has made that are new and old. Public is welcome, no charge, light refreshments.

Are you spring cleaning? The Woodstock Historical Society is planning a yard sale on May 17. Please save your treasures and donate them. More information coming soon. The Woodstock Historical Society will be meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the Museum for the annual spring clean-up. There will be a pot-luck supper at 5 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. There will be no program this month.

Judith Grover tent 17 DU VCW will meet on Monday, May 12 at the Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at

6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

At the same time, a girls' group, "Bloom" meets. This is a group for young ladies 13 to 18 years of age, 1 Corinthians 6:20, come learn about love and keeping pure. The boys' group, "Foundations," is a guys' group where 15 years and up are learning about the Bible while learning building skills.

Do you have a project you would like them to do? The guys donate their time and labor, you get the material. Any donations go to the Church building fund. See TJ Ray for more information.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met Thursday, May 1 at the Locke's Mills Union Church for a meeting with

dinner put on by the Ladies Circle. Program by Senior-Plus, Valerie Cole, speaker.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT

Greetings from Albany! Spring has arrived, the daffodils are blooming, the leaves are beginning to show up, the frogs are peeping but where is the warm weather? Maybe I am just too anxious after the long cold winter.

Sorry I haven't written for a while but my life has been very hectic. As many of you know I am moving back to Bryant Pond to my home-stead this summer. So the packing up and cleaning out of 42 years of accumulated stuff is at hand. The boys are helping me as they are available. Dan was up last week, and Dave was here this weekend helping me with outside work. Dave will be moving into my house as I move "back home." Doug, Jen and Bella are also moving to the farm and are busy gathering their Master's Programs and the school year at Telstar. Also I am retiring from education after 27 years at SAD44. I was also awarded the Educator of the Year Award by the Bethel Chamber of Commerce after being nominated by Superintendent Dr. D. Murphy.

I so appreciate the recognition and thank all that made this award possible. The list of people that made this possible is very long and full of cherished memories including, faculty, staff and many, many students who I will miss. Love you all dearly.

On with more news before the tears start falling!

Rachel Barton celebrated her sixteenth birthday Saturday, Sunday, Rachel, her mother Dolly Barton and Shylyn Buckman headed for New York City for a few days visit to celebrate this big event.

Don't forget the Telstar band and chorus concert at the high school on Tuesday evening, May 13.

Have a good week everyone.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

As I look out my front window on Sunday afternoon, I am watching the brief moments of clearing in between the

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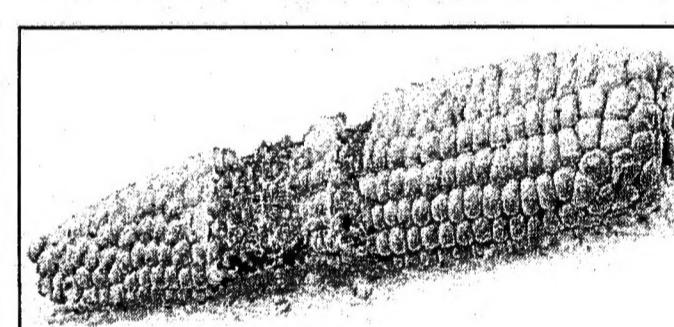
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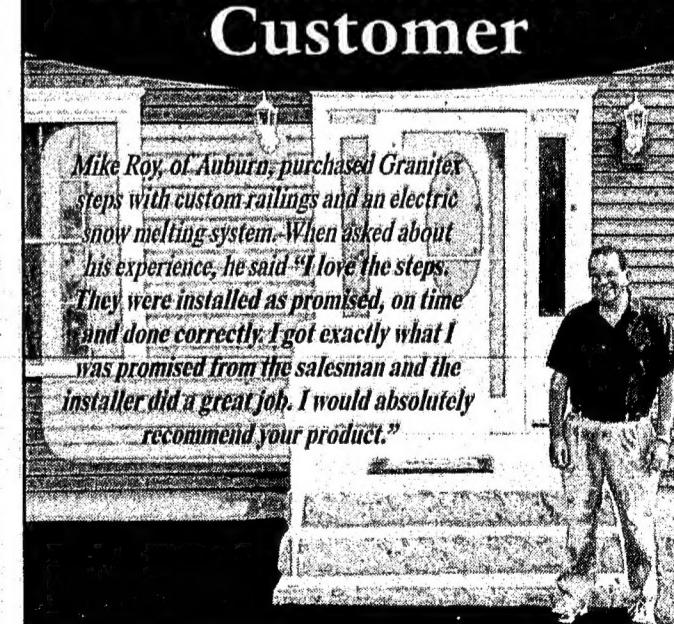
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raindrops. Enough of the rain! I want sunshine that lasts more than a few minutes at a time.

My brother, Steve McLain, came to the planning meeting for the Gilead Historical Society's event in June.

Lise McLain visited her father, Gerard Dupont, at Stephens Memorial Hospital Wednesday evening on April 30. The doctor ordered hospice care for her father when he returned to Ledgeview on Thursday, May 1.

Lise also wants to extend a belated birthday wish to the newest member of their family, Murphy, who was born on April 21, 2011.

Gilead Historical Society

The GHS planning committee met on Saturday, May 3 at the Gilead Town Office. There were nine people in attendance.

There was a brief discussion on the Annual Meeting in September. A committee of Judy Bishop, Hugh Chapman and Tammy MacDormand was formed to make a list of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting.

They discussed ideas for the June 21 Friends and Family Day. There will be a Crock Pot Potluck Lunch at the Town Hall with a variety of hot and cold main dishes and desserts. This is open to the public and the cost is Adults, \$7 and Children 5 to 7 years old, \$3. Serving begins at 11 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. First come, first served.

The historic buildings will open at 10 a.m. and be open throughout the day. The GHS is holding another raffle and tickets are

available from members now. All three prizes are handmade items done by Mary Tyler. First prize is a quilt, second prize is a quilted wall hanging and third prize is a log cabin design pillow. All proceeds will go to the restoration of the buildings.

Mary Tyler brought the 2015 GHS calendar to the meeting for review and they will be on sale at Friends and Family Day in June. Since this is the 10th Anniversary, there will be new hats and T-Shirts available for sale that have "10th Anniversary" on them. Also, there will be a booklet available that is titled "The First Ten Years 2004-2014."

There will be more information available as we move forward toward June. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Welcome spring! The hummingbirds should be arriving any day. What a journey those amazing creatures must have had this year.

The snow is nearly gone. Slivers of white on the trails of Mt. Abram and Sunday River are slowly fading. Sand-covered mounds hide along shaded roadsides. In the deep woods, waters rush as spring melt is in full swing. What a perfect opportunity to explore Step Falls. The waterfall is located off the Bear River Road, Route 26, in Newry. Also known as Wight Brook Falls, this

land preserve, originally under the ownership of the Nature Conservancy, was acquired by the Massachusetts Land Trust in 2012. The 24-acres include an easy, well-marked, wooded walking trail to the base of the falls and a longer climb to the top with views of the falls and surrounding mountains. How fortunate we are to have this special place so close to home!

The Library Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. The Bees have taken a short break from their usual Tuesday afternoon crafting as members prepare their gardens and begin spring planting. The trees have been pruned around the Hanover Picnic Pavilion and the townspeople look forward to gathering there with neighbors and friends over the coming months.

Got news, comments, feedback? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The spirit of Otis Morton is alive and well in Andover, as on Sunday afternoon the traditional gift of pussy willows and May flowers arrived at my door. This was a welcome sign of spring and cheered me up. Thanks to the Morton boys for carrying on this tradition.

The Olde Home Day Committee will meet on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The committee is looking for some new vol-

unteers especially to help with the Barrel Train. We really do have a lot of fun planning this event now in its 34th year.

The Annual Roadside Clean-Up, sponsored by the Andover Service Circle will be held on Saturday, May 17. Participants can pick up collection bags and large non-latex disposable gloves at the Town Hall between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Any and all volunteers are welcome to give whatever time they have available to this project. Refreshments will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Hall.

The Andover Historical Society is planning to hold an auction to benefit the society. If you have items to donate contact Kim Peare or Trudy Akers. There will be an open house at both buildings on May 24, to coincide with the Andover High School Alumni Banquet. The Society building on Elm Street as well as the East Andover School House will be open from noon until 3 p.m. There will be a special story read by Donna Morse at the East Andover School house. The society's next meeting will be on May 14 at 9 a.m. at the Historical Society Building.

At a recent meeting the Snow Valley Sno-Goers elected the following officers for 2014-15: President, Dick Merrill; Vice-President, Barry Martin; Secretary, Cookie Thew; Treasurer, Rusty Parker. A Trail Master has not yet been elected.

Students from Andover recently participated in a "Road Trip" to North Carolina's Outer Banks for a

tournament. A good time was had by all, despite the threat of a tornado.

Friends of Bob Hutchins are reminded that there will be a graveside memorial service in his honor on Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m. in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. A reception will follow at the CEB.

The Upton Union Church will open up for the summer on Sunday, May 25 with a 5 p.m. service of worship.

Finally, apologies to Rick Merrill and Dick Merrill for the name mix-up in last week's column. It was Dick who acted as auctioneer for the cake raffle and not Rick. It must have been what we laughingly call a senior moment.

Celebrating birthdays in May are Brian Strickland, Carol Marie Stubbs/Owen, Craig Moore, Lolalee Dillingham, Jeff Hadley, Roni Grover, Sr., Gina Poland, Pam Mason, Lorri Wilson, Jason Cannuli, Ronnie Heath, Glendon Hadley, Norm Decoteau, Perley Emery and Eric Parlin.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Larry and Elaine Wilday and Jim and Pam Mason.

Special thanks to all those who helped out at the Country Sunday show last week in Litchfield.

Craig and April called on us Wednesday evening to visit and to set up the new television remote.

Get well wishes to those who are still not feeling quite up to par these days. Our daily prayers for a speedy recovery.

The Annual Hebron Pines Campground Country Music Jamboree will be held on June 6 and 7, rain or shine. Camping available - call 966-2179 to make your reservations early. For show info, call Lorri at 966-2771. Food concession will be open throughout the shows - 50/50 drawings - raffles.

Well, that's all from the

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Good morning dear readers. It's a great sunny day here with the thermometer reading 42 degrees, with beautiful blue skies.

A quick and short column this week as we are off to spend time with the Veterans today.

Finches galore out here at the feeders this morning - they keep tapping on the windows to let me know the feeders are empty. Yogi has gone to town to get more

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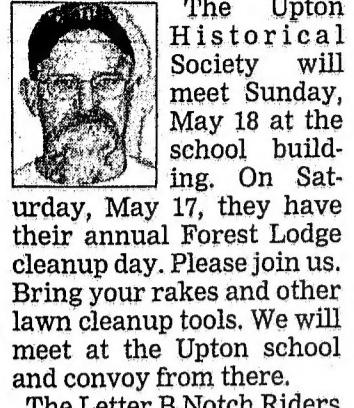
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valley this week. Enjoy each day and the great spring weather ahead.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, May 18 at the school building. On Saturday, May 17, they have their annual Forest Lodge cleanup day. Please join us. Bring your rakes and other lawn cleanup tools. We will meet at the Upton school and convoy from there.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, May 18, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The selectmen are scheduled to meet Tuesday, May 13.

Linda, from Paradise Point Cottages, reported that ice out for Umbagog Lake was Saturday, May 3. Happy mud season.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Christy Hanscom had a busy weekend last week. She had her first driving lesson behind the wheel on Saturday and was describing to her Grandparents David and Sue what it was like trying to keep below the speed limit and how the car seemed to want to go faster! As the freshman class secretary at Telstar she was helping to make goodies over the weekend for sale at Telstar events to raise money for class projects. At the same time she also was planning activities for the children at Sunday School. In her "spare time" she studies and is on the honor roll at school, as is her sister Emily. They are both, along with little sister Sophie, enjoyable, talented and joy to have in our church congregation.

Last Wednesday evening, I got a phone call from Jim Glass, a friend in my graduating class from the Air Force Aviation Cadet Navi-

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is May and still the weather is uncertain. We have had a fire every night. I am grateful we have had enough wood. Many of them are just kindling fires, but they create warmth just the same. I still have used the electric blanket for the first hour or so. That is new for me, I want to just turn it on to warm up the bed and then turn it off. Guess that means I am getting older.

Penelope the pug nosed potbellied pig is getting rambunctious. If given a chance she takes off. Today while we were at French Road, she headed down the road, showing up at a neighbor's house. He came by to see if she was ours. Of course, she was. Now we have to watch her more closely. The birds, meanwhile, don't go too far, just head across the street to eat birdseed that has fallen out of the feeders. Penelope followed one day. Sadie grabbed her before she could get into too much trouble.

Condolences go out to the Shimamura Family over the death of Jerri. She was a much loved member of the community and always there to help others. Jerri died Saturday night after years of being in remission from leukemia.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Condolences also go out to the family of Lynn Elbridge. She died doing what she loved, at her desk of Guy E. Rowe School in Norway.

This is National Lyme Awareness Month. Learn about Lyme disease as it may come to a household near you.

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Responsible Pet Care will have a toll booth in Norway. This will benefit the work that Responsible Pet Care does for dogs and cats.

May 10 at 5 p.m. in Waterford take a "Tour of Italy," at the North Wa-

Gem Museum in Education Day at conference

The 2nd annual New England Mineral Conference will be held May 9 to 11 at the Grand Summit Hotel & Conference Center at the Sunday River Resort in Newry. The Conference is sponsored by the New England Mineral Association, a non-profit that works through its education, scientific and recreational divisions to further the introduction to and support of the fields of mineralogy and geological sciences in New England. The goal of the Conference is to showcase the diverse wealth of New England minerals and those that study, mine and collect them.

New to the conference this year, NEMC is collaborating with the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum to enhance the educational opportunities for regional school children by introducing Education Day. The conference will be free of charge, open to school groups and the general public on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hands on, experiential activities will be available that focus on earth sciences and mineralogy. Education day participants will learn to identify different mineral types, see specimens under magnification, sluice for minerals and much more.

As a part of Education Day, NEMC and MMGM co-sponsored a poster session which will be highlighted during conference. Posters created by students will be on display and winners are invited to be present to answer questions and discuss their entries on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. The following students placed in their age groups:

Ages 7 to 10: Seth Riddensdale, New Suncook Elementary School; Alexis Hutchings, Dunn School and Matt Dillon, Woodstock Elementary School.

Ages 11 to 14: Hamish Bodine, Union Elementary School; Miles Barrett, Eddy School and Hunter Blauvelt, Eddy School.

Teams: Luke Hayward/Tristen Lilly, Eddy School; Abby Blauvelt/Cassidy Webster, Eddy School and Ellie Bailey/Lily Weaver, Eddy School.

For more information about the conference, visit the New England Mineral Conference's website at www.nemineralconference.org. Teachers interested in bringing students to Education Day should contact MMGM at info@mainemineralmuseum.org for scheduling information.

Bethel Library Children's Book Week

Children's Book Week is May 12 through 18. The Bethel Library is celebrating with a special "Adopt-A-Children's Book Club." During the month of May the library will display children's books that it wants to add to the library collection. Library supporters can then donate money to purchase that book for the library. A book plate will be placed in the front of the book with the contributor's name, along with the name of the person that the book is being donated "in memory" or "in honor" of.

The following children's books will be on display during May for Adopt-A-Children's Book: "I Didn't Do My Homework Because" by Davide Cali, "Under the Egg" by Laura Marx Fitzgerald, "Locomotive" by Brian Floca, "Poem Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems" by J. Patrick Lewis, "Baby Bear" by Kadir Nelson, and "Timmy Failure: Now Look What You've Done," by Stephan Pastis.

The Bethel Library has recently added the following books to its collection.

Fiction: "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, "Death of a Policeman" by M.C. Beaton, "Counterfeit Agent" by Alex Berenson, "City of Ashes" by Cassandra Clare, "Missing You" by Harlan Coben, "Blackberry Pie Murder" by Joanne Fluke, "Abominables" by Eva Ibbotson, "Blossom Street Brides" by Debbie Macomber, "Red Pyramid" by Rick Riordan, "2312" by Kim Stanley Robinson, "Fallen Beauty" by Erika Robuck and "The Visionist" by Rachel Urquhart.

Non-fiction: "Dance of the Reptiles: Selected Columns" by Carl Hiaasen, "Wherever You Go, There You Are" by Jon Kabat-Zinn, and "Redeployment" by Phil Klay.

The library added three books to its collection in March through the Adopt-A-Book program. Marvin Ouwinga donated the following books: "Edge of the Water" by Elizabeth George in honor of Tineke Ouwinga's birthday; "Hild" by Nicola Griffith in honor of Mary Willink's birthday; and "That Part Was True" by Deborah McKinlay in honor of Marlies Ouwinga-Campbell's birthday.

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William Andrews gives opening remarks at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

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Telstar Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

The Telstar-Community Partnership is a network of THS staff members and local community resource people working together to provide educational resources to Telstar teachers and students. The planning committee has compiled both a list of needs as identified by Telstar teachers and a directory of local citizens who wish to share their education, experiences, and interests to enhance curricular and co-curricular activities.

The Partnership team sponsored a luncheon on May 1 to thank Telstar High School staff for their dedicated efforts with students. Teachers were invited to come by the school library where volunteers

had laid out a variety of and thanks and reminded lunch items, including a cake made and decorated by the Bethel Foodliner. Much of the food was purchased at the Foodliner, and the committee is grateful for the store's generous donation in defraying costs.

The atmosphere was warm and conversations lively, as teachers enjoyed their meal with community members William Andrews, Allen Cressy, Rosemary Laban, Nancy Davis, Mike Broderick, Rick Churchill, Rodney Harrington, Bruce Edwards and Jim Bebko.

Principal Dan Hart welcomed the group, and William Andrews offered a few words of welcome

Roxbury ATV Riders news

September 2014, the Roxbury ATV Riders will be celebrating their tenth year as a club. With over 150 members annually, the club continues to have a membership of citizens from in state and from as far away as Georgia and Florida. The Club's focus is in creating a multiuse trail system for ATV Riders in cooperation with many landowners throughout the Western Maine Counties. The club is currently working on trails which will take you from Andover to Rangeley and we are also working on getting trails to Upton. These multiuse trails are used in the summertime by ATVers, walkers, mountain bikers, dirt bikers and horseback riders and in the winter time are used by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and winterized ATVs. Our club heavily focuses on raising funds through rides and other fundraisers to donate back to needy organizations. Last year we donated over \$7,000 to various worthy causes.

Founded in September 2004, by Mike and Wanda Worthley and friends two years after the death of Donald Ryerson, they wanted to create something that gave meaning to Donald's love of ATVers and children. Thus the Roxbury ATV Riders was born and in September of each year the Donald E. Ryerson Children's Memorial Poker Run is held. Funds raised from this event go to a special Children's Education Fund which has helped area children over the past ten years.

Each year the club holds many events. Our first event the Lee Hodgkin's Memorial Poker Run will be held on May 24. Lee also loved ATVers and was one of the first ones to join the club. In his passing the club wanted to remember Lee in this way. The funds raised from this event go to a local charity or group home each year.

Three of the original officers still hold their same positions they had when the club was started 10

years ago. Mike Worthley is the club's president and trail master; Wanda Worthley is the club's secretary and go-to person and Jane Ryerson is the club's treasurer. Roland Patenaude is the club's VP and has held that position for the past three years. The club is a nonprofit and has a board of directors.

On Friday, May 2, the club held their second meeting of the year at the Roxbury Town Office. The club holds potlucks prior to the meeting and meetings are run in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order. The President gave a report that we have 20-year permission for Rangeley Plantation access which could possibly change to the Oquossoc club which is a new club just starting up.

On Saturday, May 17, the club is doing their annual roadside cleanup. All participants should meet at the Roxbury Town office at 8 a.m. to get your road assignments and trash bags. Fluorescent vests may be provided but if you have one please bring your own. On Sunday, May 18, there will be a trail work party meeting at Mike Worthley's at 8 a.m.

The tentative date to open the Roxbury trails from the Roxbury Park & Ride is Monday, May 19. You can check our website at www.roxburyatvriders.com at any time to get updates on openings and upcoming rides.

Brian Milligan, ATV trails coordinator for the state of Maine was at our meeting and presented 2013 volunteer awards to club members who participated in volunteer work on the trails. Fifteen Members donated 910 hours of their time last year to receive this recognition. Members receiving awards were Mike Dupuis, Klaus True, Don Crane, Guy Picard, Roland Patenaude, Mike and Wanda Worthley, George and Cookie Thew, Jason Young, Will Dumais, Gene Chambers and Keith, Craig and Jane Ryerson. The club thanks all those

who volunteer so graciously of their time.

Our club put in for a \$1,000 donation from Bangor Savings and was awarded the donation. In turn the club donated these funds to Darren Baker-Maine Handicap Skiing; Hope Associates and Team Opportunity.

The next meeting is Friday, May 23, meeting at the home of Mike Worthley to setup for the following day's poker run. Please meet at 5 p.m. to set up with the ATV meeting to follow. The club will provide supper to those who help with the set up prior to the meeting.

Our next ride is Saturday, May 24, which will be the Lee Hodgkin's Memorial Poker Run. The ride will start at the Roxbury Park & Ride on Route 120W (Roxbury notch road) and will end at the home of Mike and Wanda Worthley with a barbecue to follow the ride. Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m. and is \$5 per person. At the end of this ride the club will draw the annual 50/50 raffle which has always netted the winner over a thousand dollars. Five hundred dollars of the club's half of the 50/50 will be donated to "Make a Wish" and will be presented at the Cambridge Cornfield Ride in September of this year. If you would like tickets, please call Mike at 545-2715 to find someone in your area who may be selling tickets or you can come to the event and buy them that day.

On May 26, our club will be participating in Rumford's Memorial Day parade. Anyone who would like to participate should meet at 9 a.m. behind the Rumford Legion hall.

Our June meeting Friday, June 20, will also be a set up for the following night's ride to benefit the Maine Children Cancer Program. This ride is a mystery night ride to be held on June 21. More information to follow. For information anytime you can go to our website: www.roxburyatvriders.com or call Mike Worthley at 545-2715.

County Democrats forum

The Oxford County Democrats will hold a Candidate Forum on Thursday, May 22, featuring Senator Emily Cain of Orono and Senator Troy Jackson of Allagash, who are candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congress in District 2. The event will be held in the Paris Town Office Meeting Room from 7 to 8 p.m. Prior to the Forum, there will be a ribbon-cutting and social time beginning at 6 p.m. at the Oxford County Democrats Oxford Hills Office in Market Square, next to Community Con-

cepts. Robert Kirchherr, being elected to the Senate in 2012. She is a member of the Appropriations Committee. Troy Jackson served in the House and Senate for 12 years, and is currently the Majority Leader in the State Senate.

Competing for the Congressional seat that is open due to the decision of Congressman Mike Michaud to run for Governor, Cain and Jackson will be a ribbon-cutting and social time beginning at 6 p.m. at the Oxford County Democrats Oxford Hills Office in Market Square, next to Community Con-

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Sports

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar; April 29 - Hebron 92, St. Dominic's 84, Winthrop 83, Mt. Abram 60, Telstar 39. Javelin: 9. Sequiera Lavender (THS) 36.02. High Jump: 1. Savanna Patenaude (THS) 4.06; 2. Nisrina, Hamdi (THS) 4.06. Pole Vault: 1. Maureen Glover (THS) 5.00. Discus: 4. Sequiera Lavender (THS) 46.07.

High School Boys' Track

Meet at Telstar; April 29 - Hebron 229, Winthrop 112.5, Telstar 76, Mt. Abram 51.5, St. Dominic's 29, Gould Academy 18. 100m Dash: 9. Kellen True (THS) 13.1, 16. Aden Galindo (THS) 13.9, 17. Zach Stone (THS) 14.7. 1600m Run: 1. Josef Andrews (THS) 4:25.2, 2. Henry Smithers (GA) 4:36.6, 4. Bronson Dean (THS) 5:00.5, 6. Greg Wheeler (THS) 5:16.4, 7. Matthew Bennett (GA) 5:16.6, 14. Liam Gallagher (THS) 5:47.6. 400m Dash: 1. Maverik Griffin (THS) 55.3, 4. Kellen True (THS) 59.0, 8. John Brooks (THS) 62.5, 12. Aden Galindo (THS) 67.6. 300m Hurdles: 1. Avry Griffin 47.2. 800m Run: 1. Josef Andrews (THS) 2:02.7, 2. Henry Smithers (GA) 2:04.8, 3. Bronson Dean (THS) 2:14.4, 5. Matthew Bennett (GA) 2:25.5, 9. Greg Wheeler (THS) 2:31.9, 17. Zach Kelner (THS) 3:29.2. 200m Dash: 8. Kellen True (THS) 27.2, 14. Aden Galindo (THS) 29.0. 3200m Run: 5. Avry Griffin (THS) 12:09.4. 1600m Relay: 3. Andrews, Wheeler, Dean, Griffin (THS) 3:57.9. Shot Put: 6. Patrick Reed (THS) 31.09.0. Javelin: 3. Elijah Mason (THS) 103.08.0, 13. John Brooks (THS) 79.00.0, 16. Zach Stone (THS) 75.05.0, 17. Patrick Reed (THS) 74.08.5. Long Jump: 11. Zach Stone (THS) 13.00.0. Discus: 9. Avry Griffin (THS) 72.10.5, 11. Elijah Mason (THS) 69.08.5. Triple Jump: 3. Avry Griffin (THS) 35.09.5.

High School Softball

Telstar 1, Lisbon 0; April 30 - Telstar's Jessica Dirago bested Lisbon's Kaitlyn Hall in a pitcher's duel on Wednesday at Lisbon High School. Lisbon's pitcher fanned 14 Rebels and allowed 2 hits and only one run while Telstar's ace fanned 18 (a new school record) allowing only one hit and no runs as the Rebels came away with a hard fought win over a good Lisbon team. Maisey Griffin continued her hot bat as she drove in Becca Howard with a double for the game's only run. Hayley Peterson had the only other hit for the Rebel team. Jen Wakefield and Katie Merrill made good catches to help preserve the shutout. Jessica has struck out 27 batters in her first two games of the season. Telstar is 2-0 on the season. Good job ladies. - Coach Jim Lunney

Winthrop 3, Telstar 2; May 2 - The softball team suffered a tough loss on Friday, losing to the Winthrop Ramblers. Telstar led 2-0 entering the 7th inning only to have the home team rally for three runs and to snatch the victory from the visiting Rebels. Sadie Ellsworth and Tori



A WIN FOR TELSTAR-The Telstar softball team posted a win over Mt. Abram Monday at home, 8-5. Left, Becca Howard rounds third base on her way to scoring in the second inning. At right, pitcher Jessica Dirago winds up to deliver the ball. See sports results for more.

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Ryerson had the only two Rebel hits as the Telstar nine scrapped out two runs via a walk to Hayley Peterson and a sacrifice bunt which was misplayed by the defense allowing Hayley to score the game's first run. In the top of the 7th, Tori Ryerson singled and bunts by Tehya Johnson and Hayley Peterson moved Tori to 3rd base where she scored via a wild pitch. Telstar is 2-1 on the season. - Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 8, Mt. Abram 5; May 5 - Telstar's softball team defeated Mt. Abram on Monday. Jessica Dirago struck out 14 batters and allowed 6 hits to earn her third win of the season. Sadie Ellsworth had three hits and 2 RBIs and scored two runs to pace the Rebel attack. Becca Howard had one hit and scored three runs and Autumn Morin had a hit and scored two runs. Tehya Johnson be-

gan a double play (tag and a flip) in the 7th inning to shut the door on a Mt. Abram comeback. Maisey Griffin and Jessie Dirago also had hits for the home team. Telstar is now 3-1 on the season. - Coach Jim Lunney

Middle School JV Softball

Spruce Mountain 13, Telstar 10; April 30 - The JV Softball team lost their season opener to Spruce Mountain. Great job on the mound by Hannah Evans and Brooke Richardson and Abby Landry behind the plate. We had some great defensive plays by Jenessa Plourde, Brook Clarey and Sadie Richardson. Perry Morton went three for three to lead the offense. I was so proud of how all the girls played. Keep up the good work. - Coach Cozzolino.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutze, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shi-mamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the

North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray

Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@magalink.net

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2928.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - 208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study- 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

MAY 2014

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilhead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Jackson-Silver Post 68 Hillside of Flags Sale; Flags can be purchased for \$5 each in "honor of" or "remembrance" of a veteran. The flags will be displayed at the corner of Main Street and Gore Road in Greenwood from May 22 through May 31, 2014. To purchase a flag, send a check to Jackson-Silver Post, PO Box 178, Greenwood, Maine 04255; call 890-6187 or stop into the Post kitchen any Friday afternoon.

Progress Center Online Auction; Bidding is open through May 10, 2014 at www.32auctions.com/progresscentermaine. FMI: Priscilla (743-8049 ext. 266).

Thursday, May 8

Whitman Memorial Library Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library. Hugh "Cubby" Swan will be showing and talking about his homemade wooden toys. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, May 9

NEMC/Maine Mineral and Gem Museum Education Day; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Open, free of charge, to school groups and the general public. Hands on, experiential activities will be available. Participants will learn to identify different mineral types, see specimens under magnification, sluice for minerals and more. FMI: info@mainemineralmuseum.org.

Alder River Grange Meeting; 6:30 p.m. potluck followed by 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Hall.

Saturday, May 10

Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Festival; 8 a.m., Congress Street, Rumford. A full day of events, contests, entertainment and food to celebrate Rumford's wood products heritage.

CPS Mayfair; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fundraising raffle, food and fun activities. FMI/donations: Callie Pecunies (824-0385 or callie.pecunies@gmail.com).

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., What Not Shop Thrift Store and Briar Patch, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Chinese auction, jewelry, crafts, make your own sundae, face painting, petting zoo, the Snake Man and a car wash. Proceeds support the Special Olympics.

Mountain Valley Kids Festival; 10 a.m., 129 Rumford Avenue, Rumford. Bicycle safety rodeo, ATV safety, bounce tent, maze tent, games, balloons, prizes and more. Entertainment by Noel and Don from 1:30 to 4:30, baked bean and ham supper 5 to 7 and the "Flannel and Jeans Lumberjack Hoedown" with entertainment by Backlash. Proceeds support participating youth groups.

2nd Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dixfield American Legion, 8X10-Lot \$25, Inside tables \$15. FMI: E. Ellis (357-6437) or C. Green (645-9640).

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Weather permitting there will be an open hive. Lifetime bee keepers Ken Record and Jerry Record will demonstrate splitting bees and getting nucs ready. Bring your veils. Public is welcome. FMI: Kevin (farroot@roadrunner.com).

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Swingin' Bears Square Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Caller: Walter Lougee. Cuer: Bernie Porter. Refreshments, door prizes and 50/50 at intermission. Admission: \$6.

Monday, May 12

Ellis River Riders Monthly Membership Meeting; 7 p.m., Andover Congregational Church.

Tuesday, May 13

Supper Dance; 5 to 9:30 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion,

Gore Road. Baked beans, hotdogs, casseroles, salads, rolls and pies. Music by the Jones Dance Band. Supper and dance: \$10. Supper only: \$7. Children: \$3.

Telstar Middle/High School Spring Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances from the high school chorus and band under the direction of Jenifer Bennett and the middle school chorus and band under the direction of Tom Coolidge. Admission is free. Donations are welcomed to support student end-of-year awards and scholarships.

Wednesday, May 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed haddock. \$13 per person. RSVP by May 1: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, May 15

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Saturday, May 17

East Bethel Cemetery Cleanup Day; 9 a.m., East Bethel Cemetery. Please bring a rake and gloves.

Woodstock Historical Society Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum. (Rain date, May 18). For donation drop-offs call Sue (665-2290) or Leslie (665-2115).

Ellis River Riders Versatility Trail Challenge; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. There are bleachers next to the arena for spectators to watch the horse and rider teams go through the obstacles.

Public Buffet Supper; 5 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Featuring Finnish, American and other ethnic foods. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12.

Boxberry School Silent Auction; 6 to 9 p.m., Fernwood Cove, Harrison. Live music with Milltown Roadshow, gourmet appetizers by Chef Erik Person and desserts by Anna Sysko. Tickets available at Books N' Things and Café Nomad. \$20/advance, \$25 at the door.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, May 18

Ellis River Riders Versatility Clinic; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will allow horses and riders to practice the obstacles from the versatility challenge. Spectators are welcome. Donations are encouraged.

Mainiac Mountaineers; 2 p.m., Locke's Mills Town Hall. No charge, but donations will be accepted for the Town Hall repair fund.

Program and Book Signing; 2 p.m., the Bethel Inn. Author James Witherell will present a free program and sign copies of his new book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine, 1914-1960." Sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society as part of its 2014 lecture series. Witherell's insightful and well-researched biography is the first on Muskie to appear in the past two decades and captures in intimate detail how the man who would craft the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act and become the architect of America's environmental protections was shaped by formative influences, and how he shaped himself.

Finnish-American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Brief business meeting and coffee social followed by Barbara Payne's presentation on the Italian Hall Tragedy of 1913.

Dean Bennet Presentation; 2 p.m., West Paris Library. An illustrated program on the story of the remote, forested valley of Wild River and its ghost town, Hastings Village. FMI: 674-2004.

Comedy Night With Bob Marley; 6 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. \$20 per person. Tickets are on sale at Maine St. Supply Co. in Oxford (next to Subway). Hosted by Oxford Hills National Honor Society.

Monday, May 19

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Newry Public Informational Meeting; 7 p.m., Bear River Grange Hall. The SAD 44 School Funding formula and the Town's local building permit fees will be discussed.

Wednesday, May 21

Promoting Your Business on Visit Maine Website; 7:30 a.m. breakfast, workshop 8:15 to 9:15, Camp in the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Breakfast is \$10. FMI/registration: Julia Reuter (Julia@bethelmaine.com or 824-2282).

Promoting Your Business on Visit Maine Website; 1:30 to 3 p.m., Community Concepts, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Free. FMI/registration: Mia Purcell (mpurcell@community-concepts.org or 739-6543).

MLT Changing Nature Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Joann Grohman, Author of "Keeping the Family Cow," will be speaking on The Changing Nature of Farming. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 22

Congressional District 2 Democratic Candidate Social Time; 6 p.m., Democrats Office in Market Square. 7 p.m., Candidate Forum at Paris Town Office Meeting Room. FMI: <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>.

Saturday, May 24

MLT Bird Walk; 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Maggie Ring Nature Park, Greenwood. Dress for weather, bugs, walking and wet footing. Morning refreshments will be available. Please watch weather that morning; the walk will go on if the weather is misty, but will not happen in steady rain. Meet at the Trailhead. FMI: Land Trust office (207-824-3806).

Lee Hodgkins Memorial Poker Run; Registration: 8 to 10 a.m. at Roxbury ATV Park & Ride, Roxbury Notch Road (Route 120W). 50/50 Raffle will be drawn with \$500 of Roxbury ATV club's proceeds going to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Inside Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Main Street, South Paris. Lunch Counter open. Tables \$10 each. FMI: 743-5723.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Thursday, May 29

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Importance of Bees" with Oxford Hills Bee Keepers Association. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Saturday, May 31

Bethel Library Plant Sale; 9 to 10 a.m. On the lawn next to the Bethel Library at 5 Broad Street. Buy affordable perennials donated by local gardeners. Between 9:15 and 9:30 we will be giving away free gifts. If you'd like to donate plants or want more information, call the library at 824-2520 or Susan Day at 824-2741 or Susan Parker at 824-4767. The sale takes place rain or shine.

Pay it Forward 5k; 9 a.m. (race-day registration 8 a.m.), Oxford Hills Middle School South Campus, 18 Madison Avenue, Oxford (adjacent to Ocean State Job Lots). Preregistration: running4free.com. A short awards ceremony will follow the race.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, June 1

Ellis River Riders Showmanship Clinic; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will offer the opportunity to see an Open Show from the judge's view.

Saturday, June 7

Community Lakes Assn. Meeting; 9 a.m., Woodstock Town Office. Agenda includes discussing the future of the Assn., planning the July 12 annual meeting, recommending a slate of officers to be elected and more.

Saturday, June 14

Ellis River Riders Western Dressage Clinic; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. Spectators are welcome to come and watch riders learn about a new type of show in the equestrian world.

Saturday, June 21

Ellis River Riders Game Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. Watch the fun and enjoy a meal from the food booth.

Sunday, June 22

Ellis River Riders Open Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. Spectators are welcome to come watch and the food booth will be open to enjoy a meal.

Monday, May 12

Ellis River Riders Monthly Membership Meeting; 7 p.m., Andover Congregational Church.

Tuesday, May 13

Supper Dance; 5 to 9:30 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion,

Wednesday, May 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed haddock. \$13 per person. RSVP by May 1: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, May 15

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Friday, May 16

MLT Changing Nature Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Joann Grohman, Author of "Keeping the Family Cow," will be speaking on The Changing Nature of Farming. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 17

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, May 18

Ellis River Riders Versatility Trail Challenge; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. There are bleachers next to the arena for spectators to watch the horse and rider teams go through the obstacles.

Monday, May 19

Ellis River Riders Versatility Clinic; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will allow horses and riders to practice the obstacles from the versatility challenge. Spectators are welcome. Donations are encouraged.

Tuesday, May 20

Ellis River Riders Showmanship Clinic; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ellis River Riders show grounds, Airport Road, Andover. This clinic will offer the opportunity to see an Open Show from the judge's view.

Wednesday, May 21

Promoting Your Business on Visit Maine Website; 7:30 a.m. breakfast, workshop 8:15 to 9:15, Camp in the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River. Breakfast is \$10. FMI/registration: Julia Reuter (Julia@bethelmaine.com or 824-2282).

Thursday, May 22

BANC Highlights the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition

Amy Scott, Network Facilitator of the Bethel Area Non-profit Collaborative, invites the public to the BANC-sponsored Community Nonprofit Fair on May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bethel Historical Society. All BANC member organizations will have a table to share information on their organization, programs and events, and volunteer opportunities, and to solicit memberships and support. There will be some refreshments, so do put it on your calendar!

One local non-profit that will be at the fair is the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition

(RVHCC), whose mission is "to achieve measurable improvement in the quality of life in the River Valley towns of Oxford County through coordinated, ongoing public health promotion." The organization was created by local community members working to make a positive difference in the health and well-being of the communities in the River Valley region since 1997. It is one of the 27 Healthy Maine Partnerships (HMPs) across the state. Patty Duguay is the Executive Director of RVHCC, which is the lead HMP for the Western Public Health District.

The organization, explains Duguay, works with schools, daycares and head starts, law enforcement, senior centers, worksites and others in local communities on tobacco, substance abuse and lead poisoning prevention, increased physical activity and healthy eating, and wellness policy development. Their most recent grant from Drug Free Communities will enable RVHCC to coordinate an emerging drug-free youth coalition whose members are committed to decreasing youth substance abuse throughout the River Valley.

Working with the Enviro Rumsford group, Rumford has become a Healthy Maine Street, a project of the Maine Development Foundation, made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Under the guidance of RVHCC, Healthy Maine Streets seeks to engage employers and employees in support of healthier lifestyles, and works closely with the Rumford/Mexico Active Community Environments Team (ACET) to create increased physical activity through more access to safe walking and biking in our communities.

An important RVHCC event will be held on Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. at RVHCC, 94 River Street in Rumford. The Healthy Hearts 5K Run and Walk is a family event for all ages, with proceeds benefiting the American Heart Association. It will feature EKG heart assessments, post-race refueling provided by Pizza Hut, and free sun-gold tomato seedlings "while they last." For more information, contact Cherri Crockett (ccrockett@rumfordfasttimes.com) or Sandy Witas (rvhccwitas@gwi.net).

Carol Emery, HMP Grant Manager, has represent-

ed RVHCC in BANC since the collaborative's early days and feels that "Our work has been greatly enhanced by our community partnerships. As a member of BANC, we have gained knowledge in the value and importance of collaboration and have benefited from Amy Scott's expertise in this area. We look forward to staff development sessions with Amy. I have attended many BANC gatherings and have appreciated others sharing their experiences and expertise." For more information about RVHCC, you may visit their website (<http://www.rvhcc.org/>).

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Community Concepts offers a comprehensive benefits package. For more information or to view a copy of the job descriptions, go to our website at www.community-concepts.org. For specific information about the job, call Kathie Thompson at 739-6582 or email kthompson@community-concepts.org.

To Apply: Interested, qualified applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and Community Concepts' Application for Employment (available at our business sites or on our website). Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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Obituaries



JAMES L. KENNEY

James Lawrence Kenney, 82, of Rumford, went to be with his Lord on Monday, May 5, 2014 at the Hospice House, Auburn. He was born in Rumford on June 1, 1931, the son of James William and Thelma (McCrory) Kenney. He graduated from Mexico High School in the Class of 1949. He served in the U.S. Army Special Forces during the Korean Conflict. He worked at Oxford Paper Company, Ethyl Corporation and Boise Cascade for 43 years, retiring in 1991 with the title of General Superintendent, R 15 Complex. He then consulted for Beloit Corporation for several years.

Jim loved sports, playing baseball in high school, the Army and on several town teams including the Timber League, Down East League and the Pine Tree League. He also coached Little League for several years. He enjoyed hunting, especially bobcat hunting, with his hounds and his good friends. He enjoyed the family deer hunting trips at the camp in Parmacheenee, which he helped build with Fred Allen in 1974. He was a member of Napoleon Ouellette Post #24, American Legion.

In 1983 he married the love of his life, Evelyn, and together they enjoyed life to the fullest, moving to Upton on Umbagog Lake after they retired, and enjoying the closeness of their friends in the neighborhood, fishing, and feeding the deer in the winter. For several years they spent "mud season" in Savannah, Ga., and summer vacations at their camps in Nova Scotia and Haynesville. Their combined families were a great joy to him.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn of Rumford; five children, Michael Kenney of Rumford, Timothy and Kim Kenney of Windham, Linda and Tom Puiia of Rumford, Pamela and Michael Beauchesne of Rumford, and Scott Kenney of Mexico; four step-sons, Michael Thomas and Ker-

ry Leighton, Douten (Dan) and Donna Thomas, Stephen Thomas and Annette Wing, all of Roxbury and Patrick Thomas of Georgia; many grandchildren; his sisters, Sally Clark and husband Doug of Dixfield and Joyce Smith and husband Alfred of Mexico; several step-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meaderandson.com



WENCESLAO "BEN" PEREZ VELEZ

Wenceslao "Ben" Perez Velez, D.M.D., 88, passed away on April 18, 2014, at the home of his daughter in Vista, Calif. He was born on Dec. 27, 1925, in Yauco, Puerto Rico, to Andres Nazario and Maria Mercedes Velez Perez. Ben was one of 15 children.

After attending Yauco High School and serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, Ben earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Puerto Rico. With a strong interest in the medical field, he attended Tufts School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Mass., receiving his degree in dental medicine in 1955.

While studying in Boston, Ben met and married Mary Margaret MacKinnon of Rumford. Along with his wife and their first child, Maria Elena, he later moved back to his hometown of Yauco where he began his dental practice. There Ben took his practice on the road, often accepting chickens and other items in lieu of cash payments. During his return to island life his second child, Rebecca Lynn, was born. A little more than a year later Patricia Lorraine, his third girl arrived. She was given the nickname "Bencita" because of her strong resemblance to Ben.

In 1959 Ben moved back to the states, settled in Mexico and reestablished his dental practice on Con-

gress Street in Rumford. In the town of Rumford his fourth child, Lorna Elizabeth, was born.

Ben, Margaret and their four girls moved to Kimball Avenue in Mexico in 1960 and soon they became part of the "Kimball Avenue" community and parishioners of St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

To better tolerate Maine's harsh winters, Ben took up the sport of snow skiing. Later his friends introduced him to the arts of hunting and fishing. He spent many enjoyable weekends hunting deer, playing card games and relaxing with friends at Camp Holeb, near Jackman. Ben often played baseball, a game he treasured from his childhood days, and was also a member of the Men's Monday Night Bowling League at Oxford Lanes.

Following his wife Margaret's death in 1965, at the urging of friends, he took up golf. The sport he had formerly referred to as a "stupid game" quickly became his passion. Ben could be seen on courses throughout the state with his four young daughters in tow. While a member of Oakdale Country Club he developed numerous friendships and created countless memories which he later shared with his children and many acquaintances during storytelling sessions.

Late in his life Ben welcomed the birth of his fifth daughter, Casandra Ines, who was born while he was married to Roberta Gilbert Perez. Ben often spoke with pride about the joys of fatherhood and the pleasures of being surrounded by his five girls.

Ben resided in his home on Kimball Avenue and continued his dental practice until his retirement. During those years he often returned to his homeland of Puerto Rico to spend time with his siblings, cousins, friends, nieces and nephews. Ben also traveled to several domestic destinations as he wanted to be with his daughters and their families. While living at his Maine home, he enjoyed the comfort of his surroundings as he listened to the music of Trio Los Panchos, Perry Como and several other classic artists.

In 2012 Ben moved to San Marcos, Calif., and later to Vista, Calif., to spend time with three of his girls—Lora, Patti and Maria, along with his son-in-law Gary. One of six children of a Polish immigrant tailor and a Polish-American mother, Muskie was trained by his father to take over the family's tailor shop, but he seemed nevertheless to have understood from boyhood that he had another destiny to fulfill. He overcame his shyness by force of will to become a champion debater in high school, and then scraped his way through college and law school in the Great Depression, never sure in late summer whether he could pay for the fall term.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute in his memory to Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, 1 Kneeland Street, Boston, Mass., 02111.

Graveside services

VIRGINIA HUTCHINS

Graveside services for Virginia Hutchins will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel.

Ed Muskie program and book signing at Bethel Inn

According to author Witherell, Muskie was a Roman Catholic among Protestants and a Democrat in a state so dominated by Republicans that, he used to joke, the Democrats in Maine could caucus in a phone booth. Muskie's desire for higher office in postwar Maine seemed unrealistic to contemporary observers, yet he became the state's first Democratic governor in twenty years—and only the second since World War I—while rebuilding Maine's Democratic Party along the way. Craggy, plain-spoken, physically imposing with his lanky six-foot-four frame, Ed Muskie was often called Lincolnesque, an adjective that stuck because it fit so well, though he came to hate it. He was gruff, funny, and self-deprecating—quick to anger in the face of unreasonableness but just as quick to forgive—and so obviously honest and well-intended that his popularity soared during his years as governor, and, as a result, he became the first-ever Democratic U.S. senator elected in Maine.

The arc of Edmund "Ed" Muskie's life from modest beginnings to future greatness was singular and unpredictable—an American story that looks plausible only in hindsight. Commemorating the hundredth anniversary of Muskie's birth in Rumford on March 28, 1914, the book chronicles his life and career through his two terms as Maine's governor. It reveals how he was shaped by his Polish heritage—he spoke only Polish until age 4—and his Rumford boyhood to be a Democratic governor in a Republican state and then the father of the modern-day environmental movement. Jim Witherell—Rumford-born like Muskie—is also the author of *"L.L. BEAN: THE MAN AND HIS COMPANY"* (Tilbury House, 2011).

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With over 800 members, the Society fosters a sense of place—with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire—by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars.

Through its exhibits, programs and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for people of all ages. In 1974, the Society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a nine-room period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities to house changing exhibits, a museum shop, and administrative offices. For nearly a half century, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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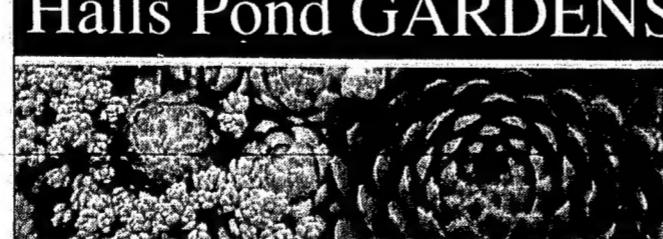
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